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To President Sir Robert Falconer
University of Toronto
Toronto. Ont

Dear President Falconer:

Thank you cordially for the much appreciated "Bonus" which I found added to my July 15th salary cheque. It will certainly help materially to overcome the "High Costy Living".

The work of collecting moss is not getting in very rapidly because of the very bad weather — rain for nearly three weeks on end! But every one of the residents here says that it is an unheard-of condition & that soon we shall have sunshine every day. The season is very

backward, however – Lilac in bloom now in front of our house and the horse-chestnut just past! It has been all very new to us & a great delight. The beauty of the Azalea when we came & now that of the Lamb-Kill as it is called here, could alone for any climate!

Please tell Lady Falconer that I regret to report that Mrs Thomson has not yet shown any marked improvement. With the advent of good weather however we shall hope for an improvement. The people here have been exceptionaley kind to her & I hope that that too will have its effect before long.

With our united best wishes for a pleasant & envigorating Summer — for you all

Sincerely yours

R. B. Thomson

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BOTANICAL LABORATORIES
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Toronto, Feb.13, 1919.

President Sir Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

I have received a letter from the secretary of the Gardeners' & Florists' Association in which a request is made that the University cooperate in the formation of the prize list for the joint Exhibition which this Society holds in November each year in association with the fruit, vegetable and honey growers. In fact, a new class of exhibit is desired, of an educational character. I think that two subclasses might well be included under education - (1) demonstrations of the principles of plant improvement and (2) the decorative uses of plants, both for grounds and interior.

I believe that it would be a valuable thing for the University to give the prize money so that she might appear as donor of these educational prizes in their annual lists as given out to the public. Perhaps some member of the Board of Governors or some other friend of the University might be willing to donate the prize money on behalf of the University. ~~which~~ This, I think, should be about $50 a year.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Thomson

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April 30th, 1919

Professor R. B. Thomson,

Department of Botany.

Dear Professor Thomson:

I will take up the matter of ground in Surrey Place with the Superintendent at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 6th, 1919

Professor R. H. Thomson,

Department of Botany.

My dear Professor Thomson:

I have spoken to Mr. Lehan with regard to the use of ground in Surrey Place. The building is now under lease to the Sick Children's Hospital for the use of their nurses, and on inquiry Mr. Lehan found that they are unwilling to make very extensive allowance in regards to the grounds as they wish them for their nurses. However, it is possible that by negotiations a certain amount of the ground may be put at the disposal of the University.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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BOTANICAL LABORATORIES
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Toronto, June 3, 1919.

President Sir R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your statement of the ruling of the Carnegie Foundation with regard to my earlier years of service.

I have not heard from you with regard to the grounds at Surrey Place, since you wrote me on the 8th. of May that it was possible that further negotiations might put a certain amount of the grounds at the disposal of the University. Unless we know soon, the extra space will not be of any use to us this spring.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Thomson

June 6th, 1919

Professor E. C. Thomson,

Botany Building.

Dear Professor Thomson:

I spoke to Mr. Lefan about the grounds in Surrey Place. As we are renting the building to the Sick Children's Hospital for Nurses we have had to accede to their wishes, and Mr. Lefan informs me that they want most of the ground at present for themselves, so that in the meantime I do not think anything can be done.

Yours sincerely,

President.